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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN THE COMMITTEE OF 24

REF: STATE 196070

1. AT OPENING CEREMONY OF NEW FOREIGN MINISTRY THIS MORNING I SPOKE WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL DJAJADINGRAT, MIN STER'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT ALETAS, AND DIRECTOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS RE PUERTO RICO. I STILL CANNOT PREDICT RESULTS BUT RECEIVED PROMISE THAT THEY WOULD TELEPHONE AMBASSADOR SANI AND DISCUSS SITUATION.

2. DJAJADINGRAT IN OBVIOUS EFFORT FIND ALTERNATIVE TO NEGATIVE VOTE ASKED WHETHER RESOLUTION COULD NOT BE GIVEN POSITIVE TWIST BY SUGGESTING MISSION TO PUERTO RICO.

3. I REPLIED THAT WE DID NOT WANT TO DIGNIFY ISSUE BY COMPROMISE. CUBA WAS RAISING QUESTION WE CONSIDRED LONG SETTLED, BASED ONLY ON ACTIVITIES BY SMALL LEFTIST PARTIES. I EXPLAINED THIS IS KIND OF ISSUE WHICH MAKES CONGRESS DOUBT SINCERITY OF UN AND STEADFASTNESS OF OUR FRIENDS IN UN. WE ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO NEGATIVE
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VOTE. DIRECTOR GENERAL SAID NEGATIVE VOTE DIFFICULT SINCE

INDONESIA HAD OPPOSED REMOVAL OF PUERTO RICO FROM NON
SELFGOVERNING TERRITORY LIST IN EARLY VOTE. I EXPLAINED
SITUATION HAS DRASITCALLY CHANGED IN INDONESIA AND ELSEWHERE
AND I COULD NOT IMAGINE EARLIER PRECEDENT WOULD BE BINDING.

4. AS I LEFT CEREMONY ALETAS SAID TO ME "IT WILL COME OUT
ALL RIGHT." WHEN I ASKED WHETHER THAT MEANT "NOR OR MAYBE"
HE SAID HE COULDN'T TELL ME EXACTLY.

5. THIS HAS TO BE LAST EFFORT SINCE MINISTER DJAJDINGRAT
AND ALETAS ALL LEAVE THIS AFTERNOON FOR LIMA.
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